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### TEXAS HAS GOOD COAL OUTPUT.

Mines Nearly Two and One-half Million Tons in 1914.

The amount of coal produced in Texas in 1914, was 2,223,773 short tons, valued at the mines at \$3,922,459.

The coal production of the state is nearly evenly divided between lignite and bituminous coal, the balance being slightly in favor of the bituminous. With the exception of the production in 1913, the production in 1914 was the largest on record, according to figures compiled by C. E. Lesher, of the United States geological survey. The total production in 1914 was less than in 1913 by 105,371 tons, or 4.34 per cent, in quantity and \$366,461, or 8.54 per cent in value. Most of the decrease in tonnage was in the lignite output, which in 1914 was 1,105,613 tons and in 1913 was 1,181,156 tons, a difference of 75,543 tons, whereas the output of bituminous coal—1,218,160 tons in 1914 and 1,247,988 tons in 1913—decreased but 29,828 tons. In value, however, the bituminous coal decreased much more than the lignite.

The decreased production of both bituminous coal and lignite in 1914 is attributed to the great increase in the production of petroleum in Texas and Oklahoma, which because of its drop in price, after a record-breaking production, has displaced a considerable amount of coal and lignite as fuel, both on the railroads and in the industries.

The coal mines of Texas were not entirely free from labor troubles in 1914, as 220 men were on strike during the year with an average of three days each of lost time.

Most of the lignite produced in Texas is mined by hand, and of the bituminous coal produced nearly one-half is shot off the solid. The use of mining machines has not made much progress in the state, and those that are employed are in the bituminous mines. The quantity of coal shot off the solid in 1914 was 612,158 tons, or 26 per cent of the total.

Washing plants have been installed at the mines at Eagle Pass in order to improve the quality of coal sent to market. In 1914 the quantity of coal washed was 23,604 tons, which yielded 10,440 tons of cleaned coal.

### ROCHESTER

Charles Eubar Took Paris Green, Which Caused Death.

Charles Eubar of Takville committed suicide recently by taking paris green, death resulting last Monday. He was 35 years old and leaves a family.

Word has been received of the birth of a 10-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Campbell of Manchester.

Wallace Campbell has received word of the death of his cousin, Mrs. Kate Lennox of Newton, Mass. She has many friends in Rochester, who will regret her death.

George Walker and Fred Martin are working on the new Methodist church in Pittsfield.

Leon Albee of Springfield has been a recent guest of his uncle, S. R. Hubbard.

The state has given the library a new set of books.

E. H. Erskine has rented Dr. Campbell's house for the summer.

Henry Gokey and Annie Green Sulham of Pittsfield were married at the M. E. parsonage Monday afternoon.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Akey, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Martin.

Dr. William Huntington is in Crestwood, N. Y., for a short stay.

### HANCOCK

Miss Leda Smith spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farr motored to Rutland, Middlebury and Burlington last week.

Mrs. Josie Lewis and two children of Pittsfield visited relatives here last week.

B. E. Estey of Tyson has been a recent guest at Eugene Martin's.

Fred Elliott and family of Warren have been recent visitors at Elmore Gooden's.

Miss Bernice Eaton is working for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Church in Rochester.

The W. C. T. U. held a flower mission service in the church last week with appropriate exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Rinaldo Whittier attended the graduating exercises at Montpelier seminary last week. Their daughter, Miss Lula, was one of the graduates.

### WILLIAMSTOWN

Funeral of Mrs. Harriet Farnham, Who Had Reached the Age of 78 Years.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet (Miles) Farnham, widow of the late Amasa W. Farnham, was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. Alfred Carnes, Thursday at 9 a. m., Rev. A. M. Smith officiating. Burial was in the Cutler cemetery at East Montpelier. O. F. Seaver, N. R. Farnham, Frank Jeffords and Leon Poor were bearers. During the services, Mrs. Leon Poor and Mrs. Nellie Elliott sang two selections. Mrs. Harriet (Miles) Farnham was born in Calais, March 13, 1837, being a daughter of Elihu and Sally (Bliss) Miles. Of a family of eight, only two sisters survive, Mrs. Sarah Woodman of Wilmington, Mass., and Mrs. Elsie Carnes, with whom she made her home for the last nine months. Mrs. Farnham spent most of her life in Montpelier and Williamstown and will be greatly missed by her friends and neighbors, to whom she was a true friend and helper.

The west hill Sunshine club met June 3 with Mrs. H. J. Colby and Mrs. M. Benevides, at Mrs. Benevides'. Nineteen members and five visitors were present. The visitors were Mrs. F. Whittney, Mrs. George Martin, Miss Florence Phelps, Mrs. James Hogan and Miss Mary Blanchard. After a social hour, the following program was given: Piano duet, Mrs. M. L. Cheney and Mrs. M. Benevides; reading, Lelia Bancroft; piano solo, Mrs. Leon Lord; singing, "Star Spangled Banner," by the club; vocal solo, Mrs. M. L. Cheney; reading, Mrs. M. L. Towne; piano solo, Mrs. W. Howland; singing, "Marching Through Georgia," by the club. Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Howland were the committee. Ice cream cake and mixed cookies were served. The next meeting will be a special one, June 17, with Mrs. A. M. Smith. Mrs. Colby and Mrs. George are the entertainment committee.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly helped in any way during the illness and death of our beloved sister and aunt; also for the lovely flowers placed on her casket. Thanks are also extended to Mrs. Kelsey, the nurse, who did so much to make her last days comfortable. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carnes, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Benevides.

### BETHEL

Miss Emma Walker went Saturday to spend the summer with relatives in Melrose, Mass.

Miss Margaret Graham of Woburn, Mass., is a guest at John Keleher's.

Mrs. Harriet Townsend Chase has been visiting her brother, J. B. Putnam, aged 97 years, at Hanover, N. H.

Mrs. Robert H. Kimball and children of Walpole, Mass., are guests at W. T. Rogers'.

A son was born June 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Wood.

Joseph B. Garland went to-day on a vacation from his work at J. H. Myott's poolroom, to visit a brother in Lawrence, Mass.

Miss Agnes Reynolds is home from the Pennsylvania State college.

Mrs. Elmer Woodward of Tunbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur N. Salter of South Royalton are visiting at C. F. Shepard's.

The selectmen are building a cement walk to in front of the Bethel inn block. C. D. Cushing deposited in the brooks tributary to Barnard lake last Saturday 12,000 advanced trout fry from the state fish hatchery.

Harry Graham has been chosen as one of six students to compete at the prize declamation contest at Mr. Hermon academy during commencement week.

Mrs. D. D. Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Fortune, in Wells River. J. L. H. Carr of Barre was here over Sunday to meet his daughter, Mrs. Ralph P. Shaw, who returns to Boston to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gilman, Wesley H. Gilman and Miss Jessie Gilman of Winsted, Conn., are guests at A. C. Batchelder's.

C. C. Morse is driving a new automobile.

Mrs. Isabel Donovan has been ill a week with heart trouble.

The members of the village school board are considering the employment of a fourth teacher in the high school, who would teach commercial subjects and relieve somewhat the other teachers.

Miss Ellen M. Preston, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, retires from that position and will probably teach in a rural school. This is a direct result of the new school law.

Miss Gladys Wilson returned Saturday for the summer from teaching in Barre City and Miss Jessie Parker from teaching in Montpelier.

Charles Hoernle of Barre arrived this evening on his way to Boston before spending the summer in St. Johnsbury.

Harold White is enjoying a week's vacation from the Bacom house with his parents in Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Batchelder of Detroit, Mich., are spending a week at C. A. Batchelder's.

### CINCINNATI GERMAN HELD.

Heinz Hardenberg Said To Be Wanted in Lusitania Investigation.

Cincinnati, June 14.—Heinz Hardenberg, said to be a member of the aviation corps of the German imperial army, who is believed to be wanted in connection with the investigation into the Lusitania disaster by the special federal grand jury in New York City, was taken into custody Saturday by special agents of the department of justice.

### The First Houseboats.

The first houseboats in this country were developed on the Mississippi river and were called "shanty boats." As the name implies, they are more or less of a shanty or shanty built on a small, barge-like hull, or float of logs, usually containing but one room, in which cooking, sleeping, living, trading and very often gambling, were conducted. These shanty boats often started from St. Louis or points further north, and drifted with the current, assisted and stored with long oars, all the way down the river to New Orleans. Here they were sold or deserted by their owners, if being practically impossible to get them back up the river against the current without the cost of which was prohibitive.

—H. W. Lawrence in the Countrywide Magazine for June.

### RANDOLPH

Col. Israel Converse chapter, D. A. R., held their luncheon at the home of Mrs. George H. Temple on Saturday afternoon. No program was given, but an out door luncheon was served by the hostesses, which was very enjoyable to those present. The next meeting will be the annual one and officers for the ensuing year will be elected at that time.

The remains of the late Miss Louise Hood were taken to New York on Sunday, Mr. Dillion of that city coming to accompany them home for burial.

The Randolph Woman's Literary club, held their picnic at Lake Mafaba, on Saturday afternoon with a good attendance, this being the closing meeting till the fall.

Miss Bessie Stevens went to Norwich on Sunday to remain for a time with her sister, Mrs. James Menard.

Mrs. H. W. Tewksbury and her daughter, Miss Mary Carr Tewksbury, left on Saturday for Goffstown, N. H., where they went to visit a brother of the former.

Mrs. B. A. Durkee and daughter, Milila, went to Barre Saturday for a short stay with friends.

Mrs. R. G. Morton and Miss Jennie, her daughter, left Saturday for Woodstock to remain for ten days with Mrs. Morton's sister.

Miss Mabel Girard, one of the assistant teachers in the high school, left on Saturday for her home in Winsted, Conn., not expecting to return here in the fall.

Francis Vinton has purchased the farm belonging to Clinton Phillips, in Braintree and will move there from Williamstown in the near future.

Lucius Webb went to Boston on Saturday to visit his son, Lieut. DeWitt Webb, and his daughter, Mrs. Mary Webb Hollins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gladding returned on Saturday from Montpelier and Barre, after Mr. Gladding attended the commencement exercises at Goddard seminary and Mrs. Gladding visited her brother, Charles Foster, in Montpelier.

Miss Josephine Dana, who has been teaching the last term in the high school in place of Miss Mary DeBois, left for her home in Pomfret on Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Scott Hutchinson, who was in town since Monday with her brother, Dr. G. W. Scott, left for her home in Springfield, Mass., on Saturday.

Miss Bessie Shepard and her brother, Haskell Gilson, left on Saturday to join their mother in New Haven, Conn., where they are to conduct a boarding house for the present and make that their home. Coleman Donahue, who has lived in the family for years, accompanied the family there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Partridge, who were in Barre at the graduation of their granddaughter, Miss Louise Partridge, from Spaulding high school, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Martin Summer of Braintree came on Saturday to visit her father, A. H. Flint, Jr.

The commencement exercises of the Randolph high school were largely attended on Friday evening. Music hall being filled to its utmost capacity. The decorations upon the stage were of purple and white crepe paper, there being a lattice fence reaching across the stage, made of white, with gates ajar in the center, and this being decorated with purple chrysantheums. In the back of the stage was the class motto, "Always Doing, Not Pretending," in the colors. The music for the evening was by the Randolph high school orchestra, and the invocation by Rev. J. H. Thompson of the Baptist church. The salutatory was an essay, "A By-Product of the War," by Grace F. Douglas, these young ladies being of equal rank in scholarship. The class history was given by Ruth W. Scott, and Margary Griswold gave an essay, "My Bird Corner." The class oration was given by Dwight L. Adams, and the class ode, composed by Marian F. Batchelder, was sung by the class. Miss Dora Brown gave an essay, "Story Telling," followed by the class prophecy by Charles E. Bruce. The presentation of the class gift was made by Dwight Adams. The valedictory was given by Myrtle Burridge, after which came the presentation of the diplomas. The exercises were followed at once by the commencement ball, which was given at DuBois & Gay's hall, with Joy's Singing orchestra to furnish the music. This was not as largely attended as many years, but a fair attendance was present.

### The Grist.

Thousands upon thousands of young men and women, more or less conscious that after all education is not finished but merely begun, are face to face once more with commencement day. It is a time to laugh and a time to cry, according to the point of view. Many of these young graduates will have gained their deepening through the sweat and self-denial of long years of painful toil and of good honest hard work upon their own part. Others of them will have scraped through the "exams" somehow and loafed away four years of time, knowing well that they have no occasion to worry for the future.

But on the whole the graduates of today have a better education than had the graduates of the 60's. They may not reason more clearly or excel them in accuracy, but they will have had a good introduction to a much larger universe. Half a century ago classical studies were the task of all, to-day they are the choice of the few. Modern languages have been discovered by the college world. So has English. The "old grad" got a good deal of Latin and Greek, some mathematics, a notion of the heavenly bodies through a toy telescope, a little Scotch metaphysics, a trifle of political economy, and an impression that zoology and geology are not exactly the same thing, together with an antipathy to evolution. Graduates of to-day, if they are allowed to speak at all, do not discuss "The Influence of Skepticism Upon Human Happiness," as did the valedictorians of Yale in 1890. Theodore Dwight Woolsey, the future president of the college. Upon the other hand, there are a good many college Mr. Doolleys who might write home just now as one is supposed to have done not long ago: "Please send me the money I'll throw away, which I'll send you with my school certificate in its college course."

But all these things aside the undergraduate who has come into living contact with a great personality cannot escape acquiring some of the rudiments of real education, and that college is rich which has at least one such personality upon its staff. He makes instruction class with life, and few indeed are the colleges who are so put into the world and ever utterly lose the resulting impression. —Boston Herald.

### The Checkerboard Man

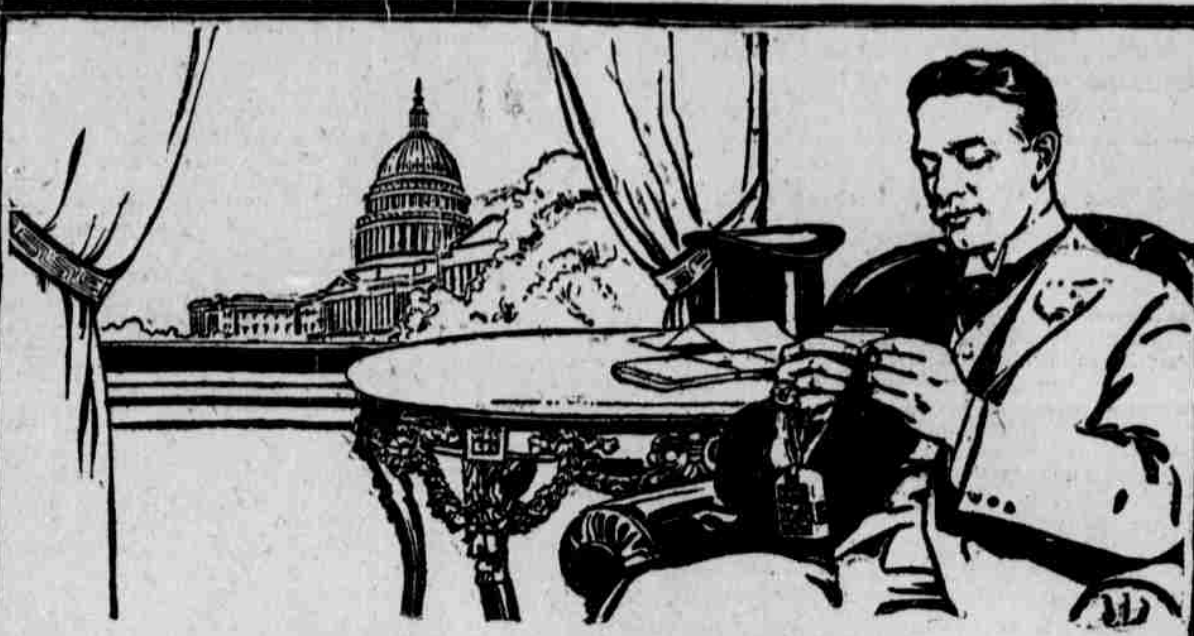
By WILLIAM CHANDLER

A stagecoach was bowling along over a road on "the plains," they being that portion of the continent lying between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains. There were half a dozen passengers inside the coach, half of whom were ladies, and five men outside. Four of the outsiders were of the roughest element of the region, which in those days was not at all smooth. On the seat with the driver sat a man in a checkerboard suit. The four men in his rear were talking in a vein not at all appropriate for the ears of ladies and so loudly that they could easily be heard in the coach below. The man in the checkerboard suit upon hearing a very coarse remark turned and looked at the man who made it, but said nothing.

"My young friend," said the man looked at, "do you see anything to admire in my appearance?" "I don't see anything to admire in your language." The man hitched a revolver around from his hip, saying, "What d'ye think o' that?" "I have no use for firearms; never carry 'em myself." The other clinched his fist. "What d'ye think o' that?" "Oh, that's something I can understand. I carry those tools myself."

"Well, then, if you find anything more about me you don't like you'll get it behind the ear." The checkerboard man made no reply to this, but when the other launched forth another coarse remark, accompanied by an oath, the former turned and said in a subdued voice: "I say, my friend, you want to talk in a way that is unpleasant to my sensitive ears. We can't both have our own way. How would it do for us to stop the coach, get down and have a friendly set-to to settle the matter?" "What! A little whippersnapper like you fight a six footer like me! I'd spoil your clothes."

"Oh, that won't matter. I can take them off above the waist." "Go him, Jim," said one of the other men. "Go him! Why, if I'd hit him real hard I might break him. He's too pretty to be smashed like a piece o' china." Jim's companions were anxious to see a mill and insisted upon his accepting the challenge. The coach was halted. The two principals walked a short distance from it, followed by most of the men inside and outside, while the ladies crowded to the window. The checkerboard man threw off his coat and vest, while his antagonist remained in wooden shirt and trousers tucked in his boots. One of the men noticed him of his revolver, while another drew a ring with the point of a dark knife on the ground. When all



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was ready the principals started for the center of the ring.

The spectators were looking for the fight to begin when they were startled at seeing Jim lying on his back. His antagonist had planted his fist under his jaw so quickly that ordinary eyesight was incapable of following the action. Jim sat up and looked about him, indicating that he scarcely understood what had happened. Then he rose to his feet, but before he could square himself on his legs he was down again.

He began to get riled and, jumping up with fair agility, went for his enemy like a bull, aiming a blow at his cheek. But his enemy was not there, and before Jim could aim another blow an arm was around his neck, and he was receiving a quick succession of taps on his nose, bringing a stream of blood, which trickled on the virgin soil of Colorado. He struggled desperately to free himself, but that crooked arm was like iron and was choking him. When both eyes were closed and his nose resembled a beet he was released and stood tottering and groping. One of his party went to him and led him back to the coach.

Every one understood what the fight was about, and all united in a shout of triumph. The conquered man was helped up on to the coach by his friends. The checkerboard man resumed his coat and vest and climbed to his seat by the driver. When all were aboard the driver chirruped to the horses and the coach rolled on. It had been stopped just seven minutes.

At the next relay was an eating house, where dinner was served. All left the coach and before dining gathered around the checkerboard man, of

fering him congratulations, the ladies of the party being especially complimentary in their remarks. The four men who had done the loud talking kept by themselves, but when the conqueror was granted a respite his victim shuffled up to him and put out his hand.

"Stranger," he said, "what did ye learn how to handle yer fists?" "Oh, that's my profession. I run a school for boxing in Chicago."

"Y' don't mean it!"

With that the fellow slunk away, and when the coach started up again neither he nor any of his friends was with it. They had received so many marks of disfavor from the passengers that they did not care to finish the journey with them. As for the checkerboard man, he had the satisfaction of being a hero for the rest of the ride, and at the parting every lady gave him some trinket as a memento of her gratitude.

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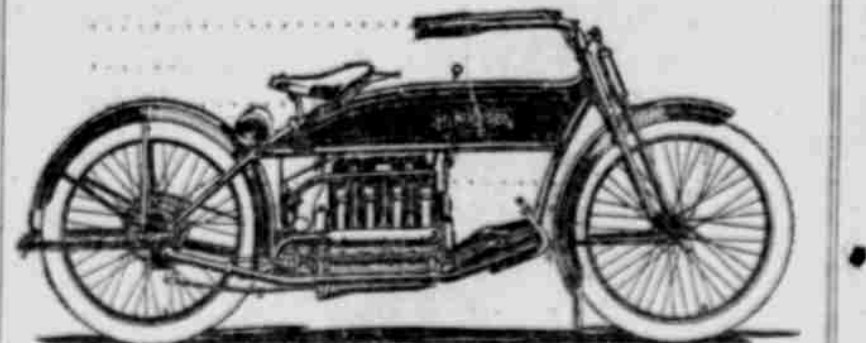
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